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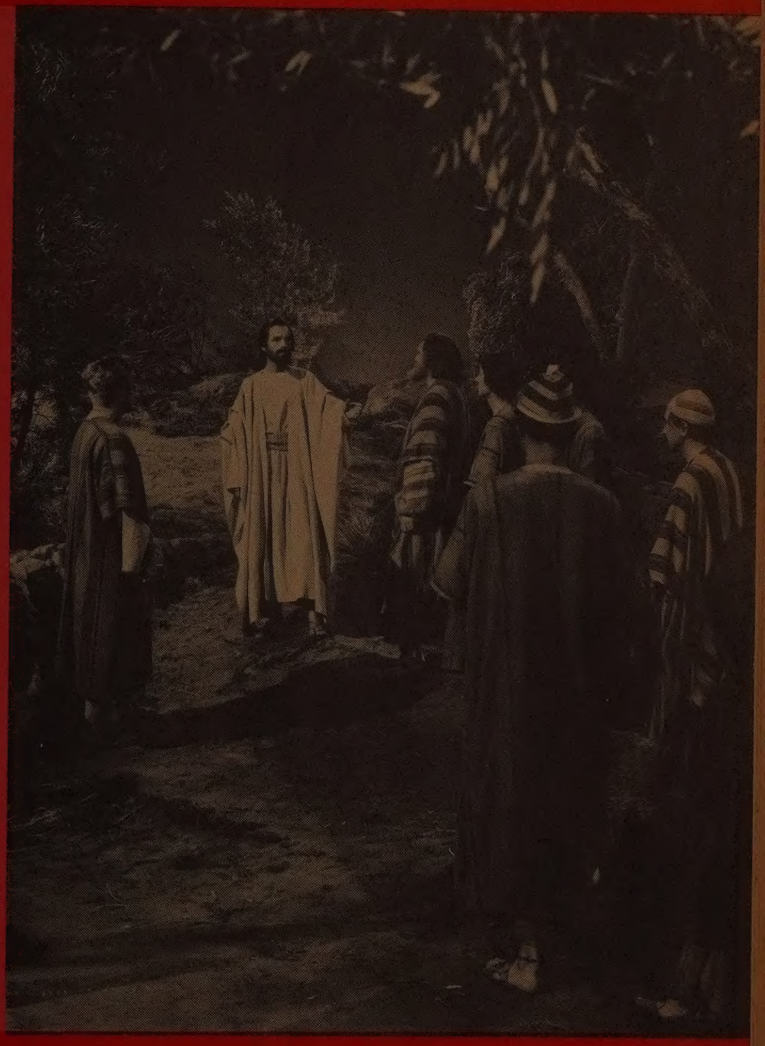

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VIEW POINTS

Should A Protestant Vote For A Roman Catholic President?

Should a Protestant vote for a Roman Catholic for President? Perhaps we can best answer the question by asking other questions. Would it be fair and true to American democratic ideals and principles for a predominantly Protestant electorate (at the present time that is) to demonstrate that a Catholic never could be president? I don't think so. Do Protestant wish to incite Catholics to retaliate in kind, that is insist that a Catholic never vote for a Protestant for President? I don't think so. If Protestants are afraid of the violation of the separation of church and state then why have they participated repeatedly in the election of mayors, governors, and state and national legislators who are Catholic? Mayors and governors particularly have many more opportunities to be subservient to Rome than a President ever would. Finally, do Protestants want to participate now in an all-out effort to keep a Catholic out of the White House which conceiveably in the future when and if Catholics are in the majority could boomerang against them to the exclusion of a Protestant from the Presidency? I don't think so!

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I suppose an absolute answer could not be given that would cover every situation. Each occasion where this question might come up should be judged separately—we would need to know who the Protestant is, who the Roman Catholic is, and who the opponent is in the Presidential race.

Nevertheless, I would say on general principles, NO. My reasoning is one of politics rather than of religion. Prejudices centering in our emotional involvements with religion are not becoming to us as Christians. But remember this: The Roman Catholic Church has a long history of striving for political power, intolerance toward other religions, and coercion to conform with its own religious and political heirarchy centering in the Vatican State.

I want to be as sure as I can that the man receiving my vote for President owes no allegiance to any foreign state and is free from outside influence from any foreign state. A Roman Catholic President could not help feeling the pressures that the Vatican State would be sure to impose upon him.

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Let's avoid generalizing in this or any issue. Witch-hunts, regardless of the current object, will always be the same hysterical stampede of reason.

All Italians don't like spaghetti, all Negroes don't dance, all Frenchmen aren't immoral and all Catholics are not governed unquestioning by Rome.

We must judge our candidate on his qualifications as a statesman. A Protestant should not vote for a Catholic, a Methodist, a Jew, an Episcopalian or a Rosicrucian. The individual should vote for an American who has been inspected for integrity, high intellect and clearly defined policies. One possessing the strength of character required for the task which, with supreme trust, we place in his hands. If he owns these qualities then he will rightly place his loyalty when governing this country of myriad religions, nationalities and philosophies.

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CHURCHMAN DON'T SHILLY-SHALLY

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"Is the church on the way out?" he asked. It was not the snide remark of a cynic, but the probing question of an honest soul. He was deeply concerned about our shaken world and equally concerned about the seeming blind aloofness of the church.

My first reaction was to overwhelm him with statistics about church attendance, membership, and new buildings. My second thought was to take the theological tact, "Eventually God's way will triumph and His way is to work through His church." But the troublesome question would not dissolve quite that simply. Is it, I pondered, even possible that the church is on the way out?

Any honest churchman should be objective enough to frankly admit this is a real possibility. The church's proper claim is that Jesus Christ can save the world. The church proclaims to be the agent of this salvation. But the average American is not impressed at all. The reason is clear. He simply cannot imagine the local church in his community in any such heroic and revolutionary role. Many an honest and concemed citizen looks at the church and goes away wholly unchallenged. He sees a church which seems to exist upon a constant parade of trivialities, which mistakes promotional activity for religious accomplishment, which is absorbed in little money making projects and engrossed primarily in protecting and edifying itself. In short it has little to say and nothing to offer to a world in the throes of revolution. It may go by the name of First Church or Central Church or Smith Memorial, but it is not in truth the Church of the Living God. It is not an open channel for God's grace and truth and therefore it has no message and no mission to people who flounder in the confusion of our day. Such a church may well be a hindrance to the Kingdom. Thus if it is not a mighty instrument for God's truth Biblical judgment tells us God will "spew it out of His mouth" and it will sink, a useless tool, from the scene of God's history.

The church of the living God must be steeped in and motivated by the fullness of God's amazing love. Mind-challenging, heart-changing theology is essential. Great action is motivated by great convictions. Denominational doctrines and peculiar little pleas are shadow substitutes which neither fool the Eternal nor change mankind. Such a provincial and perverted gospel is taking a terrible toll. It is deaf to God's urgent demand for a courageous witness for righteousness. For example, in a world wracked with fear, Dr. Schweitzer asks, "Are we churchmen doing anything to muster world public opinion against the further poisoning of the atmosphere by atomic fall-out?"

When it comes to an unapologetic Christian witness the church is too often guilty of concealing or muffling God's truth. Our gospel suffers from a laryngitis which threatens to become permanent. Said a music teacher to her mousey pupil, "You seem to play the piano with a feather duster. You never strike down deep to the music that is in the instrument." Can the same be said about the church today? Apologetically we touch the keys of life, as with a feather duster. No great chords come forth. No one listens. No one cares. No one is truly saved. There is no courageous crescendo for righteousness. The prophet's admonition still holds, "If the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are warned, and the sword comes and takes anyone of them; that man is taken away in his iniquity."

The sword of conflict, revolution and life-shaking problems is coming. In many areas it is already here. A confused and troubled world cries out of its darkness for light. A perplexed world is probing for answers. If the church insists in answering questions nobody is asking it is on its way out. Unless the church is utterly convinced that God is urgently concerned with righteousness, unless we believe that He has a word for our generation, unless our faith is expressed, not only in our worship but in our work, our home life and the way we organize life, namely our politics, it may well be that the church is no longer His church and He will choose another instrument to accomplish His will.

When the great slavery abolitionist Wendell Phillips went out to speak to a hostile crowd he knew he was not alone. First God was with him. And secondly he went with the words of his invalid wife still in his ears, "Now Wendell, don't shilly-shally!" What a word for the church today. God has a message which must be spoken, an act which must be acted. If the church is not ready to speak and act God's word to this generation, it may well be on the way out.

- **Apologetically We Touch The Keys Of Life**
- **A Perplexed World Is Probing For Answers**

SHOULD YOUR SON BE A MINISTER?

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GOD Needs Men Of High Intelligence

If your son is discontent with the status quo; if he is unhappy with a world at war, with race prejudice, drunkenness and immorality; if he should like to give his intellect, his strength and his heart in a battle against the wrong and for the right, then he should be a minister.

There is no calling which affords greater opportunity to thwart evil and to promote the good than does the ministry. Your son should be a minister and help set the world right. God knows the world needs it, and you know it.

If your son has a heart; if he is thoroughly extrovert; if he loves people; if he is always wanting to serve others, then he should be a minister. If your son is looking for an opportunity to give his life away fully and freely in the place where it will count most, where it will do the most good and bring the greatest returns, let him enter the ministry.

Does your son give himself whole heartedly to whatever he undertakes? Does he give himself "with heart and soul and mind"? Is he a person of deep dedication and complete commitment? If so, your son should be a minister.

If your son loves God with all his heart and soul; if Jesus Christ is the most winsome and challenging personality he ever met, and if he is stirred on some great occassions by the moving of the Spirit; if he would like to team up with this great Triumvirate, then he should be a minister. This constitutes an unbeatable team – God and man yoked together in God's business. Yes, your son should be a minister.

Should your son be a minister? If he is of high intellectual caliber and is endowed with his full share of good common sense, yes. God needs men of high intelligence these days. If your son is well supplied with good brains and would like an opportunity to really use them, he should be a minister. The ministry calls for brainy men. It always has; it does today; it always will!

If your son has a fine physique; if he is strong physically; if he is hardy, he should be a minister. God needs strong, hardy, healthy, attractive men to do His work in His world today – in all His world, in hot and in cold countries; in high and in low countries; in rough rugged countries where the going is tough. God is conducting a real Olympiad for keeps and he needs some athletes both physical and spiritual – strong, skilled men, men with undue endurance and patience. If your son fits this picture, he should be a minister.

The ministry calls for life, all of ones life, all his devotion, all his commitment, all his loyalty, all his strength, all his courage. A minister is a sold-out person – sold-out to Jesus Christ – sold out soul and body, mind and spirit! He, like Paul, is a slave to Christ. But he is the freest man in all the world. In fact, he and his kind are the only free people.

Now, if your son has all the aforesaid qualities, plus humility, he should be a minister. It is possible that he could be short on some of these and still he should be a minister, but if he has them all and has them in abundance, God has certainly laid His hands on him and he should be God's minister. He should team up with Christ as a pair of God's sons to win a lost world back to God. Should your son be a minister?

During the Decade of Decision, 1960–1970, the Disciples of Christ will need more than one thousand new ministers to fill vacancies and to supply new churches. About a thousand parents must decide for their sons to be ministers. While this is not all there is to the answer, yet, may I say, it would go a long way toward delivering a young man into the ministry if his parents would decide that their son should be a minister. All too many parents decide to the contrary. They say that they do not want him to throw his life away and that is exactly what he does in many cases. If only he had thrown in with God he would have saved himself and others.

Sex and the Christian Life

A report of the Older Youth Conference at Loch Leven

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With such phrases as, "You will know the love of God only after you know the love of at least one other person," and "You must feel love to express love," Dr. Frank Kimper of the Southern California School of Theology led 60 young people in a searching S.O.Y. Conference, the last weekend of April. The Annual Spring Conference of college age youth gathered to study the provocative theme, "Sex and the Christian Life." Each registrant had received a Reflection edition of the book by the same title, written by Dr. Seward Hiltner of the University of Chicago.

Dr. Kimper delivered three lectures on the meaning of love as it is understood by the modern Christian. His main emphasis was the wholeness of the relationship of one person to another, with sex as the physical and emotional expression of that love relationship. The purpose of the Conference centered around preparation for marriage and an understanding of the completeness of the whole person in relationship to his or her mate. For Dr. Kimper, the elements of honesty, forgiveness, confession, and a sense of worth are essential in any love relationship, and must be genuinely sought after for a happy marriage. In the Sunday morning sermon, the quiet professor of pastoral psychology spoke convincingly of the qualities of Godlike love that can be present in every family. He said that only when God's love is felt in a family, can that be truly a happy home.

In a stimulating panel presentation on Saturday evening, James Laughrun, George Tolman, and James Pierson discussed the social, economic, and physical aspects of marriage. The students were most interested in the social activities for young married couples, and in the money management problems that face every household. Another helpful feature of the weekend program were the discussion groups composed of engaged couples, those going steady, and the unattached conference delegates. Real questions could be honestly dealt with in these small groups, lead by competent adult counselors

Loyd Wolfe, Minister of Education at the Ontario Christian Church, directed the Conference, and Sharon Foster, retiring S.O.Y. State President, presided at each session. Near the close of the Conference, the following officers were elected for the coming year: John White, Huntington Park, president; Sharon Mullenix, University San Diego, vice-president; Harriet Goyette, Alhambra, secretary; and John Hensley, Reseda, treasurer. Other retiring officers who attended the Conference were: Pat Vaughn, Westchester, vice-president; Nany Frankforter, Santa Monica, secretary; and Dennis Lake, Huntington Park, treasurer.

The following comments were made by young people during and after the S.O.Y. Spring Conference; "Marriage is really serious business. I'm going to see that my future wife understands the sacredness of our marriage." "Standards today are changing fast, and if we believe in Christian morality, we really have to understand it, then defend it." "This was a great conference. Why did it have to end so soon?"

INSPIRATION POINT

TABLE GRACE

A child learns by example – y watching what is done, how it s done, long before he is con- cious of why it is done – and for his reason one of the most impor- ant things in the life of a hild is table grace. The ause of quietness, of re- pect, of thanksgiving is essential o any meal, and a better aid to igestion than all the pills or owders one can take regardless f age. Train a child in the ways f grace and in his adult life he ill not depart from some of the imple habits that make life mean- ngful and worship habitual. Our amilies need the discipline of imple thanks to God as creator or all his benefits, for the bounty f his provision, whether the table e sumptuous or sparse. When we ive God our thanks and recognize lis part in all of our living we erform one of the most powerful nd yet convenient actions we can lo. While table grace is important o all families, to all persons, it s absolutely vital to the young amily and the very young child.

Every family will work out the best course of action. For us, we early found that holding hands kept little hands at peace and helped with a sense of closeness hat was vital. We used a very simple prayer which we all said ogether aloud so that even before hey could speak our children knew he ritual of table grace. As the children grew older, on special days each would be encouraged o speak his own special prayer or the occasion. Our youngest ound that when visiting relatives a different prayer was said and hands were folded in a prayer atti- ude and both prayers and forms became his own. Table grace should be natural and always ex- pressed in simple terms. When a guest speaks for the family as a special honor, children learn to share this sacred time knowing that their special time will come to say their own prayer. As the children grow so the ability to express original thoughts and meanings grow, but we begin with form, attitude, and habit, laying a foundation before a child can even talk that expresses thanks- giving, quietness, togetherness and the strength of humility as we gather at each meal and give thanks for God's grace.

It is never too late to begin table grace, nor too early. Young couples whose children are dreams, and older couples whose children are memories need the close binding together of those moments of grace and thanks that come from daily use of prayer at meals. As all great experiences are basically simple and direct why not give life truly a CHRIS- TIAN VIEWPOINT by always ob- serving table grace, simply, directly, unashamedly and receive the blessing that always comes from digestion to destiny, from birth to the beauty of mature faith when God is first in our living.

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Replenish The Spirit Daily

The honest, earnest Christian must not depend solely on the spiritual nourishment gained from the Feast of Worship on the Lord's Day. There must be a daily re- plenishing of the energy expended in seeking to make real the daily walk with Christ. Each individual disciple must discover the ways by which he can best receive new spiritual power to replace that which has been used up in the work of witnessing to the Way in the circumstances of each day.

John Baillie, Principal of New College, and Dean of the Faculty of Divinity, in Edinburgh Univer- sity (and also one of the Presi- dents of the World Council of Churches) has produced several helpful books dealing with the personal life of devotion. His book, "A Diary of Private Prayer" (published 1949, by Charles Scrib- ner's Sons of New York), is one of the rich mines of spiritual treasures. Try this prayer: "Holy God, to whose service I long ago dedicated my soul and life, I grieve and lament before Thee that I am still so prone to sin and so little inclined to obedience:

"So much attached to the pleasures of sense, so negligent of things spiritual;

"So prompt to gratify my body, so slow to nourish my soul;

"So greedy for present delight, so indifferent to lasting blessed- ness;

"So fond of idleness, so indis- posed for labour;

"So soon at play, so late at prayer;

"So brisk in the service of self, so slack in the service of others;

"So eager to get, so reluctant to give;

"So lofty in my profession, so low in my practice; . . .

"So severe with my neighbours, so indulgent with myself; . . .

"So little able for great tasks, so discontented with small ones;

"So weak in adversity, so swollen and self-satisfied in pros- perity; . . ."

O merciful God, hear the peni- tent cry of my heart, and flood me again with Thy cleansing, healing power. Grant me again the sure knowledge of Thy Presence, and kindle in me the desire to let Thy Holy Spirit direct my life. Amen.

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STATE BOARD

POTENTIAL CONSIDERED FOR DECADE

One of the significant actions of the State Board in its meeting of April 19 was in connection with the "potential" for the Decade of Decision.

At an earlier meeting, the departments of evangelism and membership, new church development, stewardship, and budgets and promotional relationships had been asked jointly to bring recommendations to the Board on what they considered the valid potentials among all of the Southern California Christian churches during the 1960's. These groups had spent a day together, and their recommendations were presented both in statements and in charts. The State Board approved the work of its committees, referring the Decade Potential to the state committee on Decade of Decision for reference to the State Convention.

Saturday, June 25, was set as the date for the statewide orientation for all department workers for the year beginning July 1, 1960. Saturday was chosen in order that lay persons might have a greater opportunity to attend and participate.

A report from the Public Relations department was received, the last one before the first issue of CHRISTIAN VIEWPOINT would go into the hands of the printer. Approval was given to send copies of the first issue into the home of every church family; the names and addresses for these mailing lists were to be provided by the churches themselves. The second action was that when the amount of income from subscriptions exceeds the cost of producing the View-point, any additional funds will be used in a statewide program of public relations on behalf of the cooperative Christian churches. The View-point is but one expression of the interpretation of the gospel through the printed and spoken word.

In an attempt to find a more valuable pattern of district gatherings, the district presidents were authorized to bring recommendations to the May 17 State Board meeting concerning a schedule of district meetings which would include the Fall functional institutes, the late winter United Outreach Conferences, and a possible new plan for what have been district conventions in the Spring.

Since at a number of points there is need for understanding what is a Brotherhood Church, the Board directed that a careful and deliberate study be made of exploring this question. The subject is of increasing importance because of the title of property to cooperative churches, for the listing of churches in the annual Year Book, as a basis for local congregations to study the privileges and responsibilities of sharing with other Brotherhood congregations, and as guidance in the establishment of new congregations.

FOR WORLD WITNESS – IN PUERTO RICO

San Bernardino – Harry Schriewer, chairman of the Official Board of First Christian Church, presents a check for $10,000 to Dr. A. Dale Fiers, while minister Gilford E. Olmsted, center, looks on with hearty approval. This gift will make possible the purchase of four acres of land in the Bayamón development of San Juan, City of Puerto Rico. This is an over and above project in Capital for Kingdom Building for the United Society.

Other phases of what First Church has called its 50/50 FORWARD PROGRAM includes the remodeling of the chancel and redecoration of the sanctuary which was completed and dedicated on April 24 with Dr. James Parrott as the preacher for the occasion.

Fifteen thousand dollars of this 50/50 program is earmarked for purchase of a site in North San Bernardino for a new church.

Other expressions of their 50/50 program may ultimately lead the church to release $120,000 into needed work, facing the mighty opportunities and responsibilities of the day in which its members live.

DEACON'S DILEMMA — by Walt Stanchfield

"MY, BUT THESE WHITE GLOVES ARE A NUISANCE"

Guest Editor

WHY A STATE CONVENTION?

by Dr. Wesley Ford

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Having been asked to speak to this theme, I discuss the purposes as I see them. Each will add others.

A basic convention purpose is WORSHIP. We come from over a hundred churches, we share common ambitions, we experience common hungers, needs find us on common ground. It is important therefore that we set aside some days to worship together. Here we acknowledge our limitations; here, through prayer, we ask God's leadership; and here we are strengthened by the comradeship which unites us as we reach up together. The convention ought to be the recovery of Pentecost, as 3000 souls seek together to hear the voice of God.

A second convention purpose is to STIMULATE OUR MINDS. Our denomination has some structural weaknesses, one is that our Executives are burdened with the matters of organization. They are too often kept from the mountain. There is a time when we need to get apart from our local congregations to hear the prophetic voice of one who comes from afar. To an annual meeting can be brought those who bear effective Christian witness in their chosen fields and who possess prophet minds and hearts. It is impossible for these crusaders to get to all our local churches – hence a convention. Each will be a better church if its members have let their minds be stirred at the feet of prophets.

A third purpose is to RESOLVE. This is part of the process of mental stimulation. There are great issues all around us. What of integration, nuclear testing, capital punishment, and a score of others? Is there a Christian voice in relation to such issues? If so, how do we find it?

Fourth, a convention is a place to PLAN. We are a fellowship of Christian churches in Southern California. We have things to do together: youth conferences, teacher training, new churches to establish, ecumenical relationships, and many others. We can be effective in the meeting of our obligations as we dream and plan together. It is my personal hope that more of our corporate planning can be brought into the framework of the State Convention. This would eliminate some extra meetings, and so make for a more efficient use of time.

Fifth, there is ESSENTIAL BUSINESS left only to the congregation The State Convention is our congregational meeting. We have responsibilities to delegate, officers to elect, committees to appoint, reports to receive, and Staff personnel to direct. All of these are responsibilities that belong to the members of the churches. The business sessions of the State convention are vital. They can be stimulating and exciting. They are an important reason for our being together.

Sixth, the convention affords OPPORTUNITY for the members of our churches TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH NEW, HELPFUL, AND USEFUL RESOURCES. These are shared through exhibits, displays, and presentations. Note the literature concerning audio-visuals. Consider the material available to help your church in the presentation of stewardship responsibilities. Look at the good books, any one of which could provide a member of your church with a new idea that would make your church more effective. To gather these resources in one place for each one's examination, is to provide reason for a State Convention.

PULPIT POINTS

People often say to the minister: "That was a good sermon, you gave me something to think about all week." Something to think about, and even more importantly the culmination of a worship service ought to be something "to do about all week".

PULPIT POINTS sent to the editor will be appreciated and will be printed as space allows. This column will contain short quotes from sermons heard by our readers.

A PLAN TO ASSIST WORKERS IN EACH CHURCH

The Growing Worker's Plan outlines a comprehensive program of leadership education for each church. Selected courses are offered for all workers in the church one evening a week for six weeks, two evenings a week for three weeks, or on Sunday mornings for twelve weeks. These courses may be taught by the minister, D.R.E., departmental superintendents, public school teachers, or other available people with knowledge and skills in education principles and methods.

Current Suggested Courses

The courses being suggested for the current year are, Course 211, "Teaching Children"; Course 311, "Teaching Youth"; Course 411, "Teaching Adults"; Course 610, "Improving the Sunday Church School", and Course 110:1, "How to Read and Study the Bible."

Credit Offered for Courses

Upon the completion of anyone of the above courses, or any course in other leadership schools (local, district, state, interdenominational) in-service training, worker's conference, or participation in a reading program, that worker's name is entered on a wall chart placed in the church. Each time the worker completes a leadership education experience, recognition is given and credit granted toward Certificate of Progress. The list of names and positions of workers enrolling in courses and the record written in on the Growing Worker's Chart helps to keep before everyone the importance of training for responsible leadership positions within the church.

Detailed information on the Growing Worker's plan has been forwarded to each church. Additional guidance may be secured by writing the State Office, 4160 Monroe Street, Los Angeles 29, California.

HOW IS THE RECORD?

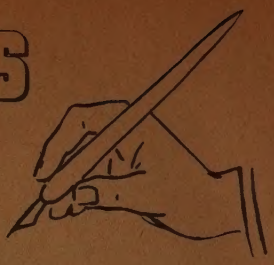
The collective record of giving for Southern California churches was encouraging for the first ten months, ending April 30. Yet the real story is told in outreach giving in what happens in the last several weeks of each church year which ends June 30. What is the record of each church?

The only way that the causes which carry the gospel of Christ across the nation and the world can perform this service is by having the mounting support in prayer and in finance from each congregation. Therefore every member of the church will want to be concerned both at the point of prayer and with the fact that his own congregation has sent each and every dollar out into the world witness on behalf of that local fellowship.

Church officers especially are asked to study the picture of the last few weeks. Suggested goals are not proposed either to have a legalistic value or to be ignored. Their purpose is to help further the Kingdom. Therefore responsible persons in each congregation undoubtedly will want to examine their status about the 20th of June, at the very latest, and allocate every last dollar of outreach money and send it to the cause for which it has been given.

For the first time in several years there is a strong likelihood that Southern California churches may reach their goal of $379,000 of offerings for Unified Promotion causes. This can be achieved with each church sensing its own important role. Yet it is equally important that the non-unified promotion causes receive equal consideration in the heart of each congregation.

PEN POINTS



Dear Editor:

If you send to everyone on the enclosed lists, a copy of Christian View-point, you will have all of our active resident membership receiving this new magazine.

I think this is a splendid idea and I hope that our people will be encouraged to subscribe for the new magazines.

Yours very coridally,
First Christian Church
of Santa Barbara
Karl W. Tuttle,
Minister

Dear Editor:

Your letter of April 22nd asking for a mailing list of our Taft, California members was received. So as to have the first issue of the new state magazine, Christian View-point, we are enclosing our list.

Good luck in this new venture.

Sincerely yours,
Quentin D. Mitchell,
Minister

Dear Editor:

Here are names for the View-point from First Christian Church of Norwalk. This sounds like a good idea.

Sincerely yours,
Frank E. Reichenecker,
Minister

Dear Editor:

Thanks for the privilege of submitting the enclosed names. I shall encourage our people to subscribe to our own church paper.

Yours in Him,
Lawrence E. White
Minister
Chapel in the Canyon

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR will be appreciated and will be printed as space allows.

POET'S CORNER

A CREED

Here is the Truth in a little creed,
Enough for all the roads we go:
In Love is all the law we need,
In Christ is all the God we know.

EDWIN MARKHAM

CHURCH EMPLOYMENT

SITUATION WANTED

Laura Rhoades is taking graduate work in music at U.S.C. and desires a church job as organist, organist-director or director.

Laura is a member of the First Christian Church of Estero Bay, Morro Bay. She can be contacted at RI 8-8346 Los Angeles prior to June 10 or after that date through the State Office, NO 4-2958.

Classified information pertaining to church life will be appreciated and printed without cost as space allows.

SUGGESTION BOX

Suggestions for a better church, program or even just a good idea will be appreciated and printed as space allows.

87 CHURCHES REPORT 2,209 NEW MEMBERS

Intensified pre-Easter evangelistic programs resulted in significant membership gains in a number of Southern California Christian Churches. From Paso Robles in the north to Brawley in the southwest, 87 churches reported a total gain of 2,209 new members from January 1, 1960 through Easter Sunday. This figure includes 1,012 baptisms and 1,197 transfers. (Reports have not yet been received on approximately 35 other congregations).

Although there were individual churches which conducted effective evangelism programs on their own initiative, the over-all gain was considerably less than that reported last year, at which time 84 churches reported a gain of 2,740 additions. This lag can be explained in part by the fact that there has been a vacancy in the State Staff position of evangelism, and consequently no concentrated state program was made available to the churches.

During the coming weeks, churches with large membership gains will face the important task of integrating these new people into the organic life of the church. Increasingly pastors and lay leaders are recognizing the importance of membership conservation. Significantly, a new state committee on Membership Development has this year been added to those departments responsible to the State Board.

PROGRESS

AUNCHING THE DECADE OF DECISION

Since no enterprise ever achieves more than it plans, Christian churches n Southern California are girding themselves for planning for the 1960's that vill bring them steadily through important steps of spiritual maturity, year fter year. The Decade of Decision has been thought through across the na- ion for the last four years so that it might be helpfully set for the consideration f every church.

The decade is a dream, but far more than a dream. It is firmly rooted in the xperience of the 1940's and the 1950's. It is a witness; it recognizes that the hurch of the future must be different nd more effectual than the church of he past for the intention of Christ to e realized in this age. It is an in- piration; it calls upon congregations, oth large and small, to consider heir total opportunity, to marshall heir resources in devotion, and to xpress themselves as a "new com- unity". The Decade of Decision is, n the final analysis, the commitment f one congregation after another to n unending and expectant search by rowing Christian persons for ways n which they live out the Gospel oday.

June 19 is Launching Date

In the church calendar, Achieve- ent Sunday is June 19. Each con- regation is asked to prepare in all he ways that it may to call its people rayerfully to facing the future and to ommitting themselves to the search f the most adequate testimony in our ongregation. This will be done as ach congregation sees fit. There is o pattern. However, the occasion an give particular focus to the chievements of the past and call or a new mind among the people in iscovering the potential of a total hristian witness and of taking one tep after the other until that potential ecomes a reality. With congregations nd individuals, DECISION DETER- INES DESTINY.

Every Church Visits

Ninety ministers and lay persons hared a full day at McCarty Memorial hurch on April 22, making plans for isiting every congregation in outhern California on behalf of the ecade of Decision. The group began y acknowledging the points of un- eadiness for attacking the oppor- unity. They recognized some of the oints of vantage. Out of the mes- ages of Dr. Donald West and Jack eeve came inspiration and motiva- ion for becoming something that thus ar the Christian church has not been.

Schedules were established where- y a great many congregations were isited on behalf of the Decade during the first three weeks in May. It was hoped that churches which had not set dates and had not found it convenient for these meetings to be held would make every effort to face the Decade of Decision within the early week. By such visits, and the sharing of honest questions on the part of the leaders of each congregation can the climate be established for moving in to the 1960's on July 1.

Let June 19 be a momentuous occasion for each congregation. DECISION DETERMINES DESTINY.

Ordinations Are Scheduled

Two ordination services are to be held during June in Southern California.

James Laughrun, recent graduate at Southern California School of Theology and pastor of the Artesia Christian Church, will be ordained at Central Christian Church in Pasadena on Sunday afternoon, June 12, at 4:00 p.m.

In an evening service, at 7:30 on Sunday, June 26, Fred Francis will be ordained at the Bellflower church. Mr. Francis is completing his Bachelor of Divinity degree at The College

Operation Extra

Van Nuys – Great interest has been shown by a number of members of Central Christian Church who have been performing worthwhile services to obtain "extra help" for the church's missionary and property interests.

Bob Sigars had his own production of the "Poor Beggar"; Virginia Gaebler acted as "process server" for her husband; while Bill Brumm cut and sold firewood from condemned property on the freeways.

The minister, Paul Thompson, tells that several other individuals and couples have used considerable imagination in their projects.

EXECUTIVE WELCOMES SEMINARIANS

Indianapolis—Two students from Southern California School of Theology at Claremont, talked with Dr. Spencer Austin, left, executive secretary of Unified Promotion, funding agency of the Christian Churches nationally, between sessions of the annual Middler's conference, held here April 19 thru 21. The two are Edward J. Pollard, center, and Richard Bachus, both second year students at seminary.

The three-day conference designed to acquaint students with the program and agencies of the church, was attended by one hundred students and wives from eight Disciple related seminaries.

PROGRESS

Affiliation Near at Seminary

Over recent months the Disciples Seminary Foundation and the Southern California School of Theology have been exchanging documents and sharing in conferences concerning their intended affiliation. Final details are under consideration by the Boards of Trustees of both groups.

Agreed upon in principle, the Seminary will provide space on which a building may be erected which will be operated by the Disciples Seminary Foundation and used for service to their students and leaders.

Foundation Incorporates

An important step also has been achieved in that the Articles of Incorporation for the Disciples Seminary Foundation have been approved and submitted to the Secretary of State in California. "Thus," says president Gilford Olmsted, "The Foundation will be ready to take next important steps in the early Fall."

MOSELEY CHAPEL HAS NEW ORGAN

Wilshire, Los Angeles—The new chapel organ and beautiful candelabra for Moseley Chapel were dedicated on Sunday afternoon, May 1. Dr. Hoke Dickinson conducting the ceremony.

Mr. Norris Freed gave a concert of organ music on the instrument presented by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mullens. The altar set was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Wooten Bailey.

Youth In Mexico Workcamp

CYF young people from Southern California will conduct a 10 day work camp at the Mountain of Light Farm in Pabellon, Mexico, from July 11 to 22. The group will leave Los Angeles July 5, meet Missionary Byron Spice in El Paso July 7, travel to Aguascalientes then to the Farm by July 9. After the work camp, the Caravan will visit Mexico City and surrounding points of interest, and return to Los Angeles on July 30. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nissen of the Glendora Christian Church will serve as tour leaders. The youth will be available after the Caravan for sharing their experience with local church youth groups, men's and women's fellowships, and others interested in Disciple mission work in Mexico.

MUSIC IN THE HOME FEATURED

Loch Leven Conference Grounds—Because of the significant place radio, T.V., hi fi, music lessons and the general interest in music as an expression for both individuals and family groups, the theme: "Music In the Home" is being featured at the Christian Churches Family Camp, Loch Leven, July 30 — August 6. Recognized leaders in Christian education and music will serve as leaders for the camp.

Family Camping Has Many Possibilities

Family camping is coming to be recognized among the churches as potentially a very useful part of a local church family life program. Dr. Richard E. Lentz, National director of Christian Family Life for Christian Churches, writes: "It combines in a mutually supportive way three powerful factors in the formation of character and direction of life; family group experiences together, firsthand appreciation of God's out-of-doors, and Christian fellowship with close friends. Most other camps are planned for and attended by individuals . . . active in similar programs. In a family camp the unit is a family group. Families come to the camp together, live together while there, and enjoy together many experiences in camp. The major features of the program will be determined by the needs and wishes of the families who attend." In camp, families live together in a community of Christian families. While most activities will be carried on together as families, there will also be opportunity for classes and discussions for parents, separate activities for youth and children, with all participating in programs and projects that all lift up the importance of Christian family life.

Family Camp can be a Vacation

Family camp is planned with the thought that it can be a vacation experience, spiritually enriching to each member of the family, as well as a means of strengthening family ties. Registration fee is $10.00 for family. In addition, costs for the entire week are as follows: Adults—$23.00; children 3—11 years—$13.00; children under 3 years—$1.00. Register through your local church, or send directly to Department of Christian Education, 4160 Monroe St., Los Angeles 29, California.

Have you registered to vote?

It is your Christian duty!

CALIF. HOME

46 Bed Infirmary Approved

The California Christian Home Board of Trustees and the parent organization, The National Benevolent Association of the Christian Churches, has made careful plans for providing more facilities for the aged during the sixties. Working drawings were completed this past month for the 46-bed Health Center which is to be built adjoining the present buildings of the Home in Rosemead. Only a few preliminaries remain before the plans are submitted to contractors for bids. Approval has also been obtained from the NBA for the building of apartment units on this site as well as at Santa Cruz. In each case these independent living units will be made available on the life-lease plan. No date has been set for the beginning of the last two projects mentioned, but land has been obtained at Santa Cruz, and certain preliminary drawings have been made for Rosemead.

Initial planning and building are being done with money from the Building Fund of the Home. Funds for furnishing the Health Center are being sought from the Churches and goals have been submitted to the congregations throughout the area served by the Home.

New Plan Explained

In order to provide care on a realistic financial basis action has recently been taken to give the service available on four different plans, according to the ability of the applicant. These four ways are: 1. Benevolent care, by which the guest gives what he has and the balance needed is provided by the churches; 2. Cost of Care, is the method by which the person, or his sponsors, pays an amount equal to the average per capita cost of operating the Home; 3. Life Care, whereby the guest sets up a trust that will provide his own care as long as he lives; 4. The Life Lease arrangement is being projected for use with the apartments, yet to be built at Santa Cruz and at Rosemead. In these facilities the residents will live independently and not in a congregate situation.

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4,000 More Than Expected

In the above picture are (left to right): Mrs. Arthur Neumarkle, campaign secretary; Harry E. Berg, minister; Clifford Beneker, follow-through chairman; Clare Rexroth, chairman of Board; Carl Gustafson, spiritual life chairman; and Aron Kliewer, the campaign chairman. Twenty seven men canvassers visited the members and friends of the church who did not attend the campaign dinner. A very small percentage of visits was required.

REDONDO CELEBRATES

The South Bay Christian Church celebrated their Golden Anniversary, April 17–24.

The past presidents of the Christian Women's Fellowship were honored at a "I REMEMBER" luncheon. "TIMOTHY NIGHT" honored those from the church who were in full time Christian service. Edward McGuire, chaplain at Paso Robles School for Boys, Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Laven of Tujunga First Christian Church, and Mr. and Mrs. William Carpenter, youth ministers at Pomona First Christian Church spoke of their chosen fields. After E. Dean Canady of the State Office stressed the current need for more such dedicated persons, Bill Cumiford, freshman at Harbor College, responded to a call for church vocations recruits.

Rev. Harry Hill, present associate minister and pastor of the church from 1926–32, Rev. K. F. Nance, pastor from 1922–26, and Rev. Dwaine Cerbin, present pastor, spoke respectively at the three Sunday morning worship services attended by over 500 persons.

Three hundred members and friends attended a "share a dish dinner" at which former choir directors, Mr. Bill Birdwell and Mr. John Dorch, presented special music. Also, New Testaments were presented to Mrs. Veva Foote, only charter member present, Mrs. Earl Frazee, who had the longest consecutive membership. Rev. Nance received an honored minister's pin for his service to the church.

Bakersfield, Calif.—The Second Christian Church recently went over the top in a building fund campaign directed by the Board of Church Extension. The goal was $25,000 and $29,007 was pledged over a two-year period. Bill Pearcy and Harold Watkins each met with the campaign council during the period of preparation and kick-off dinner which was held Sat., April 3rd. Charles Betts, also of the Board of Church Extension, had previously met with church officers to prepare plans and recommendations for an overall church building program.

The church is now in the process of selecting an architect, and as soon as plans have been drawn and approved work will begin on the construction of an all-purpose first unit of an 8 building, campus arrangement plan. Last fall the church purchased their 7 acre site in the 1900 block on Ming Ave. in southwest Bakersfield.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 5	Pentecost
June 5	Children's Day
June 19	Achievement Day
July 3	Freedom and Democracy Sunday
June 19	Achievment Day

COMING EVENTS

June 1–4	State Convention
June 7	New Church Development Committee
June 8	Urban Church Committee
June 9	Christian Education Board Meeting
June 10	Public Relations Committee
June 11	Junior Camp Training Day
June 14	Churchman's Foundation Meeting
June 16–18	National C.M.F. Commission
June 17	Public Relations Committee
June 18–25	CYF Conference
June 18–25	Chi Rho Camp (San Gabriel District)
June 19–25	Junior Camp
June 21	State Board Meeting
June 24	Public Relations Committee
June 25	Orientation Meeting for State and District leaders and officers
June 25–July 2	CYF Commission Conference
June 25–July 2	Chi Rho Conference
June 26	Closing charter membership at Lompoc
June 27–July 1	Laboratory Training School for children's workers
June 27	CWF State Board
June 28	Churchman's Foundation meeting

15 Weeks Of Camps And Conferences Planned

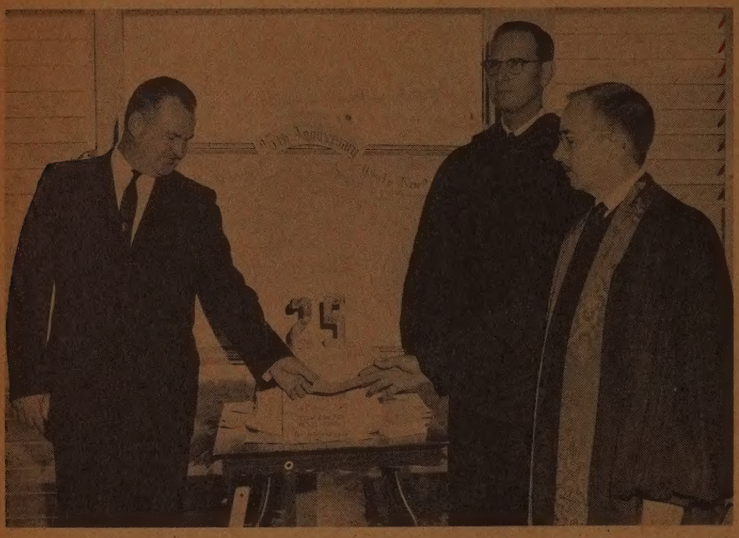
Beginning June 18, 4 Chi Rho conferences, 2 Chi Rho camps, 2 Niners conferences and 7 CYF conferences are planned to accommodate 1200 Christian Church youth. Among the directors who are recruiting and training faculty are: Edgar Weaklend, Robert Carter, Haywood Pritchett, Donald Barrett, William Martin, James Turner, Leslie Lowrey, James Pierson, Jerry Jones, and Charles Gibbs.

Churches to Provide Counsellors

Adult leaders of youth in local churches serve as counsellors in the summer conference program. As one counsellor is needed for every 8 young persons, it is right to assume that each church will provide one adult leader for each 8 youth sent to conference. Counsellor applications can be obtained from each minister, or from the State Office.

FAMILY ALBUM

FOOTHILL CHURCH TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY



La Crescenta—Foothill Boulevard Christian Church observed its Twenty-fifth Anniversary for a week beginning Sunday, May 1. In as much as possible, it duplicated the experiences at the time of the church's founding in 1935, according to pastor Melvin Laven. Harry Hill, then the pastor of the First Christian Church in Burbank, was one of the speakers, with Chapman College Madrigal Singers and Dr. John Davis, Chapman's president, participating in the evening service.

Other functions during the week following reflected the close relation of this congregation with other Disciple groups: Mrs. Lucile Shaffer, secretary of State CWF, Rev. George Tolman, minister of the First Christian Church in Orange, and Dr. James Parrott were among those participating.

The birthday celebration culminated in the congregation's bringing an offering as its own birthday gift for "the birth of another Church," with Russell Hensley, secretary of Church Development in Southern California, having brought the message.

Pictured above is Rev. Melvin Laven presenting a check for $200 to Russell Hensley to help start another new church in Southern California. Dr. James Parrott, is the pleased witness to the presentation. The check is the result of offerings taken at each function during the week long observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary. It represents more than one dollar per active member and is over and above money budgeted for the cause.

El Cajon — First Christian Church has called W. R. Baird as its interim minister. Following his retirement as the pastor of the Modesto church, Mr. Baird performed interim ministries in the northwest. He and Mrs. Baird are making their home at 348 Ballantyne Lane.

THE COUNTRY PARSON .....

One of the interesting journalistic "characters" in the mid-west is "The Country Parson." He has been enlisted to tell the story of the United Outreach of the Christian Churches of Southern California for the year 1960—61. His pithy observations and provocative questions are included in the United Outreach booklets which will be available to all the churches for their wisest use during the church year beginning July 1.

Available for the first time at the State Convention in the Budget and Promotion exhibit, these booklets can be used for study courses, for schools of missions, for answering specific questions about many facets of Brotherhood work across the nation and the world.

Congregational leaders are asked to use them with the greatest wisdom possible. Their value lies in being circulated in each congregation with suggestions as to their use so that there shall be a minimum of waste in the distribution of this fine material.

NEWS

250 Women Win "College Degree" In Two Days

The annual PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE was held at the Pacific Palisades Conference Grounds on May 16-17, with 250 women in attendance. This two-day retreat was for "old" and "new" presidents. The past year's work was reviewed; the new year's work was previewed, and leadership training was featured.

The Conference this year had a unique format; it was a "college" and called "President's College of the Palisades." State Board members were the faculty and courses of study were conducted through lectures, seminars and laboratory sessions. Special guest professors conducted courses in Parliamentary Law, Speech

New Officers

The new CWF presidents of local Fellowships were installed at the President's Conference; also, the newly elected officers of the State CWF Board. The following are the State officers for the coming year:

President, Mrs. Lyal Coates; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Allen McDaniel; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Foster Craggett; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Lester Gray; 4th Vice-President, Miss Elizabeth Utter; Recorder, Mrs. Henry L. Searle; Treasurer, Mrs. Helen Luntz; Missionary Education, Mrs. Harvey Webster; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Nixie Sole; Stewardship, Mrs. R. E. Johnson; World Call, Mrs. Tom Green; Christian Family Life, Mrs. Kenton Lint; Evangelism & Membership, Mrs. Rubye Higgins; District Secretaries: San Fernando-Kern, Mrs. Kenneth Campbell; San Gabriel Valley, Mrs. LeRoyce Carr; Metropolitan, Mrs. William Heffentrager; San Bernardino-Riverside-So. Nevada, Mrs. Alvin Brooks; Harbor-Bay, Mrs. Burke Mosley; Orange, Mrs. James Hubman; San Diego-Imperial, Mrs. A. W. Reinhardt.

Santa Monica — First Christian Church here is third among the Christian churches of Southern California in proportion to its total budget giving to outreach causes, according to Wales E. Smith, the minister. The congregation also is pleased that six of its members will attend the World Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland.

APMAN HOSTS STATEWIDE RIENTATION

In looking forward to the church ar beginning July 1, members and airmen of all State Board groups and partments will gather for orienta-n and initial planning at Chapman llege. The date is Saturday, June , beginning at 10:00 a.m. and con-uing through 3:00 p.m.

To this meeting will come all of ose who by that time will have been ected to serve on State departments will have been appointed to those sitions. In this orientation, a de-ription of the work that is contem-ated will be set before each separate oup, and schedules for the ensuing nths will be determined.

There is a close relationship be-een the orientation meeting at apman and the Statewide Planning nference to be shared by the same oup of people on January 8, 9 and at the Pacific Palisades.

Year Ends – Summer Begins

Chapman College will hold both e Baccalaureate and Commencement rvices on Sunday, June 5, according an announcement by President John . Davis. Reverend Rival J. Haw-ns, Secretary of the Pasadena ouncil of Churches will preach the accalaureate sermon. Services will e held in the First Methodist Church Orange at 10:30 A.M.

The Commencement Service will e held at the college in the Shady uad at 4 o'clock. Dr. Lynn Town-end White, Jr., Professor of History t U.C.L.A. will be the speaker. inety-four students will receive eir diplomas. Honorary degrees ill be presented to the Reverend ales Smith of Santa Monica, and homas J. Cunningham, Vice Presi-ent and General Counsel of the niversity of California at Berkeley.

Three summer sessions are sched-led: Inter-Session, June 8-25; Sum-er Session, June 27-August 5; Post-ession, August 8-26.

The One-Subject-At-A-Time plan ill be used. Both graduate and ndergraduate courses are available. catalog of complete information will e mailed upon request. Address the irector of Summer Sessions, Chap-an College, Orange, California.

Credit will be offered in the 13th nnual Workshop on Marriage and amily Counseling, to be presented y the American Institute of Family elations. General sessions will e held in the Hollywood Presby-erian Hospital Auditorium, August -13. Those interested should write o: Dr. B. J. Oliver – Chapman Col-ege – Orange, California – for de-ailed information as to registration nd tuition costs.

MID CENTURY CHURCH DEDICATES SECOND UNIT

Arcadia, May 1 – One of thirteen churches established during the first seven years of the 1950's, First Christian church has completed its new education building, according to the minister, Willard Dorsey.

The purchase of the property on which the church is located was made possible by the generous gift of a layman, Wilson Lahman. The Chapel in which the dedication services were held, is appropriately named Lahman Chapel.

In addition to the Chapel, the first unit included fellowship hall and several church school classrooms.

GAINES COOK WILL DEDICATE SAN PEDRO CHURCH

When the first units of the First Christian Church in San Pedro are dedicated on Sunday, June 12, the dedicatory message will be brought by Dr. Gaines Cook, executive secretary of the International Convention of the Christian Churches. Arrangements with Dr. Cook have been completed by the pastor, Kenneth Beckett, and Thurman Crosswhite, a lay leader in the San Pedro congregation.

This will represent a great advantage for this congregation which sold its building a few years ago and in the intervening months has been meeting in the Y.W.C.A. It has gone to a high point on a hill, chosen a beautiful site, and its members have done much of the work of construction.

DREAM BECOMES A REALITY

Los Angeles –All Peoples Christian Church fulfilled a long-standing **mission when it recently established** its library in a favorable location. The Christian Education committee had spent long hours in sorting and cataloging the myriad books. The congregation also is appreciating 150 new hymnals, CHRISTIAN WORSHIP, which were in the sanctuary racks for Easter morning.

As hosts to the bi-monthly meeting of the Southern California Christian church ministers and their wives, the church and the Community Center conducted tours and showed the workings of this one of several home missions expressions of the Christian churches across the United States. Its leader is Kay Kokubun.

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CHRISTIAN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS, honored with engraved trophies at the CMF Spring Rally, May 7 at Chapman College were: Richard Case, Bell First, baseball; Doug Houser, University San Diego, track; John Rexroth, Bakersfield Second, basketball; Ronald Hales, Whittier First, football. "Judging was based on church relationship, scholastic record, ability in sports and Christian character," reports Bob Rude, Committee Chairman.

CLAUDE MASON, President Elect, will represent Southern California at the National Commission meeting in Indianapolis, June 16-19. This meeting helps all state directors and presidents in programming and provides a large measure of inspiration.

SOY Group To Tour Europe

Representatives of the Student Older Youth Fellowship in Southern California will visit 11 countries in Europe this summer under the leadership of E. Dean Canady, Secretary of Christian Education. The group will meet with European students and faculty, visit such religious centers as the European Youth Assembly in Luzanne, World Council of Churches headquarters, Innsbruck refugee camp, and the World Convention of the Churches of Christ in Edinburgh. The tour leaves July 9 at 12:30 p.m. from Los Angeles International Airport, and returns August 20. These young persons will be available for an interpretation of their experiences with local church youth and adult groups during the next year.

Bethany Towers Guests in Residence at

Directed by the State Convention, the Board of Directors has proceeded steadily with the development of Bethany Towers as a pay type home for senior citizens. The Towers are located at 1745 North Gramercy Place, Los Angeles, Just two doors north of the Hollywood-Beverly Christian church.

Guests have been moving into their completely remodeled apartments over the last several weeks.

For the convenience of the guests, the dining room has been operating under the direction of Mrs. Bluebell Brinton. Soon to be completed is the development of a social and recreation area on the first floor, providing hospitality for guests and their friends.

New Site For Old Congregation

Covina, April 24.—The Christian church broke ground for its new home on Grand Avenue, between Badillo and Dexter.

The plans for the building are well advanced and bida have been requested. The congregation looks forward expectantly to the use of its new facilities in just a few months, according to the minister, Forrest Hibbard.

Three Story Education Building Completed

San Diego, May 1 – The East San Diego congregation today reached an important milestone when it dedicated its spacious two floors of education facilities and its first floor fellowship hall, known as Campbell Hall.

A master plan for the development of an entire new plant for the use of the congregation has been developed, according to Rev. Earl Christofferson, minister, and other units will be developed as rapidly as is possible.

BE THE BEST TEACHER POSSIBLE

The opportunity to make more effective the teaching program of the church is offered to all teachers of children on June 27—July 1, 9:00 a.m. —3:00 p.m.

THE LABORATORY TRAINING for teachers of school age children, Kindergarten through sixth grade, will be held at the Hollywood—Beverly Christian Church, 1717 North Gramercy Place, Los Angeles.
Teachers will learn through observation and sharing of ideas.

The emphasis this year is to be on "The Spiritual Growth of Children." Registration forms have been mailed to all churches. TEACHERS, REGISTER NOW.

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